

# PASSENGERS IN PANIC ON AN OCEAN LINER

Refugees from Kishineff on Board the Blucher Are Held in Check by Armed Ship Officials During a Terrible Gale.

Fourteen hundred steerage passengers on the Hamburg-American steamer Blucher, most of them refugees from Kishineff, excited by the fear of death and wholly beyond reason, raged in the hold of the big German steamship in mid-Atlantic last Saturday night. They were only prevented from breaking forth to the upper decks by the pluck of four stalwart officers, who stood at the head of the companionway with drawn revolvers.

It was a thrilling story that the Blucher brought into port with her today. Buffeted about like a feather in the awful seas that ran mountain high, unable to make a foot of headway, the big propellers whirling in the air as she rose on the seas which constantly beat her back, the officers at their posts endeavored to keep the ship steady, there were trouble and anxiety enough for all of the crew toward a panic among a steerage full of ignorant refugees to take their attention.

## THE BIG STORM BREAKS

The Blucher had had one serious accident already when this trouble arose. A day out of Hamburg, running at half-speed through a heavy fog, she was run down by a small steamer and had to put into Cherbourg for repairs to her battered hull. She left Cherbourg in a weakened but safe condition, and early Saturday morning ran into the big storm. The officers say that it was one of the worst that they ever encountered, and as hour after hour passed and the ship made little or no progress, Capt. Kopff, realizing the danger that an outbreak among the motley crew in the hold would mean, ordered the hatches battened down and stationed men at the companionway with orders to reassure the immigrants at the first signs of excitement and under no circumstances to allow any of them to pass up to the deck.

The steerage passengers made no outbreak until about 11 o'clock Saturday night, when the Blucher was rolling and tossing so that it seemed as though she must turn turtle at any moment. There began to be rumblings in the frightened little groups that gathered in the gloom of the hold. The crying of children and the wailing of seafick, miserable women added to the feelings of uncertainty and finally a man tossed from one side of the ship to the other emitted a scream that jarred the nerves of all.

## PANDEMONIUM BREAKS LOOSE

Everybody broke loose at once. Men and women rushed to the companionway only to find it guarded. They attacked the battened hatches, but found them firm.

The tumult increased and hurried word was sent to Capt. Kopff on the bridge. The Captain had had trouble with frightened immigrants before and he hastily inquired if there were any priests aboard. There were two. Capt. Kopff would not leave the bridge himself, but he asked the priests in mercy to go into the steerage and reassure the frightened passengers. Their cloth might get them audience when no one else would be listened to.

The priests didn't hesitate. They pushed down the companionway. The sight that greeted them was enough to daunt the stoutest men. The immigrants were beyond control. Petty officers among them, trying to tell them that everything was all right, were being dragged back and forth by the maddened men and women, whose one cry was to be let out. The only thought in any mind was that to get on deck was to get to safety, to stay where they were was to be drowned like rats.

The priests exhorted the men to keep quiet and thus reassure the women and children, and partly succeeded.

After the priests left the immigrants started to rush the companionway. Four officers sent by Capt. Kopff stood at the companionway armed and held the crowd in check.

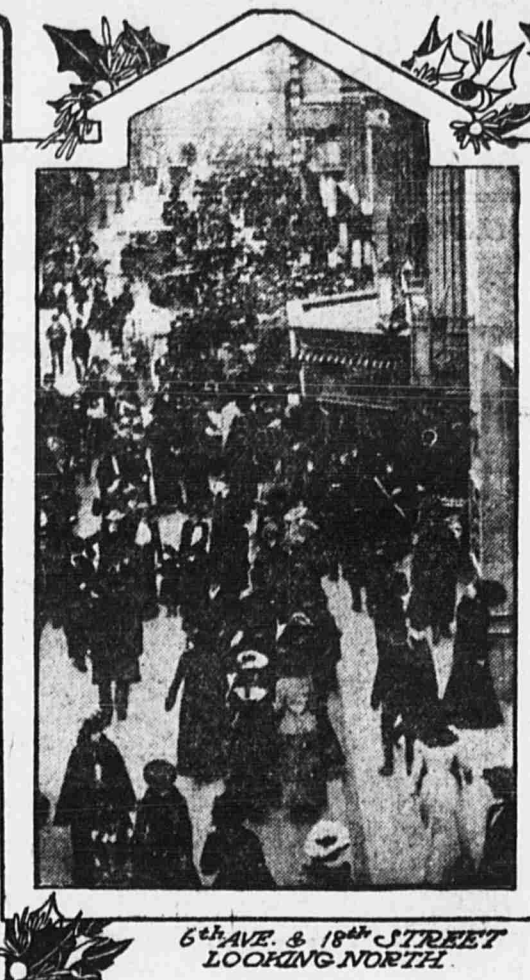
The sight of the armed officers helped to subdue the most violent, and as the storm was gradually dying down the panic abated.

Officers of the Blucher were inclined to belittle the demonstration to-day, but they admitted that there was considerable alarm and excitement during the storm.

# RECORD-BREAKING CROWDS OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS SHOWN IN PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN SPECIALLY FOR THE EVENING WORLD.



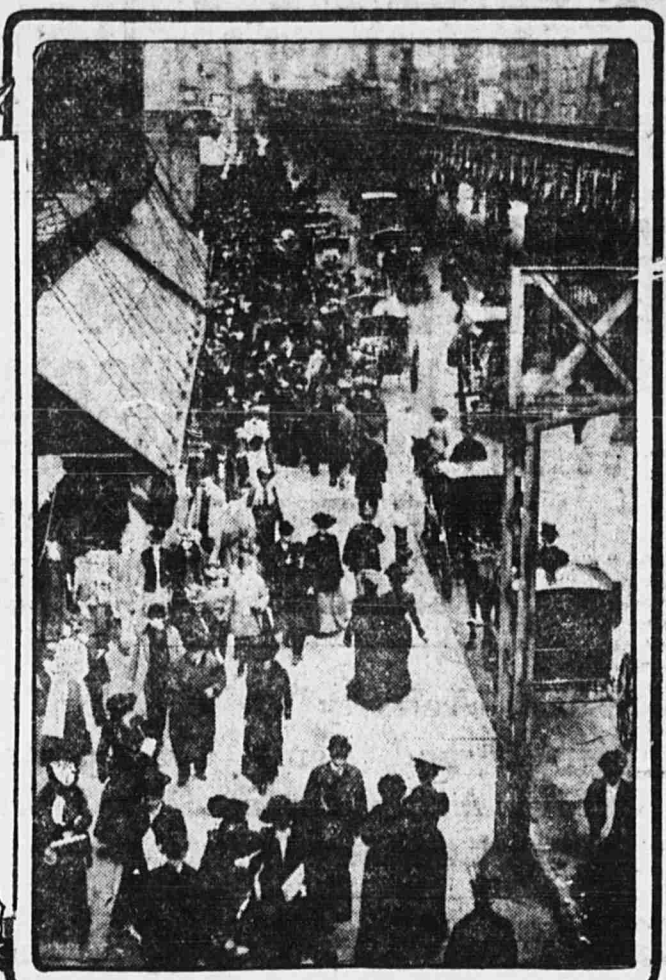
6th Ave. & 23rd St. Looking South



6th Ave. & 18th St. Looking North



23rd Street Looking East



6th Ave. & 18th St. - West Side

If ever the shopping centres of New York were crowded, they are now. If you want elbow room on Sixth avenue, Twenty-third street, Fourteenth street, Fifty-ninth street, Third avenue and many parts of Broadway, you will find it only in the middle of the street.

Especially true is this at night up to 10 and 11 o'clock. Christmas shoppers pack Sixth avenue from Fourteenth street to Thirty-fourth. The curb is lined with the small and itinerant merchants' stands, on which are displayed his tawdry wares. Between curbs the vehicular traffic, including the electric cars and the elevated, rattles, bangs and makes the most hideous noises as they scot up and down the street, heavy transfer wagons bumping into the peddlers' carts and scattering popcorn or gaudy red and beaded

purses among the crowd, and the excited and worried crossing policemen shouting and gesticulating to a traffic and a people who don't care for him.

Yet in all this confusion mirth fairly bubbles up from the happy crowds. It makes no difference if their toes are stepped on or if their clothes are torn. They laugh, push harder and add to the general confusion.

About the doors to the great stores the crush is impenetrable. If you would enter just get in the crowd and be swept inside, perhaps carried off your feet, but still held straight up by the mass about you.

Women who have tried the plan of purchasing holly and evergreen wreaths and boughs and who have tried to carry them home with them have abandoned the idea. Nothing survives in its intended form in that crowd.

Sixth avenue is dotted here and there with a detective. Any one can

tell a detective. They stand about, looking keenly at the passing crowd, trying to find some nimble fingered gentleman with his hands in some one else's pocket. They mix in the crowd now and then, following a suspected individual, and when they decide that the individual is really suspicious they tap him on the shoulder and whisper in his ear.

"Now, don't make a scene. The boss wants to see you down in Murray street." And he puts the nippers on him and leads him out of the crowd into a side street and away they go for Police Headquarters.

But this year the crowds are particularly free from thieves. At least few complaints have been made. Most of the complaints come from men, and women who have had their watch chains torn off on the buttons of others in the crowd.

## ADMIRAL WHITE DIES SUDDENLY

Noted Naval Officer Stricken While on His Way to Visit the Commandant at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard.

Rear-Admiral Edwin White, retired, dropped dead to-day while walking down the main drive of the Brooklyn Navy-Yard. He was on his way to visit the commandant, Rear-Admiral Rodgers, a close personal friend. When stricken the Admiral reeled, toppled over and was dead before assistance could reach him. Admiral White's home was in Princeton, and he left that place this morning for the express purpose of paying Commandant Rodgers a visit.

The Rear-Admiral was a native of Ohio and entered the service in 1861 after the War of the Rebellion had run a course of seven months. He was made rear-admiral in 1899 at the time of his retirement.

As Commandant at Annapolis for many years he was known and beloved by the young students preparing for naval careers. Before that time his service was an active one and carried him to all parts of the world. During the civil war he fought his way up step by step to a captain's rank.

During the Samoan troubles he was in command of the Baltimore. At the time of the first maneuvers off Newport Rear Admiral White was in charge of the fleet. In 1892 he was stationed off Panama, and so conducted himself that he was honorably mentioned by Congress for an act of decision and courage.

George Emmons White, his son, gave society a shock a few years ago by marrying the widow of a wealthy Californian, Dr. Toland, the founder of the College of Medicine of the University of California.

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## TOLD OF INSULTS BY CAR STABBER

Miss Hetteshelmer Gives Details of William Gettys's Conduct on His Trial for Stabbing Assemblyman Ulrich.

Miss Eva Hetteshelmer, nineteen years old, resumed the witness stand to-day at the trial of William Gettys in the Brooklyn Criminal Court and told of the insults offered her and a friend, Miss Louise Selle, by the defendant while they were in a Reid avenue car.

While defending the girls, who were unseated, Assemblyman Frederick Ulrich, of the Sixth District, in Brooklyn, was stabbed by Gettys and now has only one eye. For weeks he lay at the point of death. The doctors feared that he would be blind in both eyes. Gettys used an ink eraser.

Miss Hetteshelmer did not see the assault. Gettys was accompanied by Frank W. Ellis and Frederick Henck.

Miss Hetteshelmer's Story. "I had been to the theatre with a friend," Miss Hetteshelmer said. "I noticed the Assemblyman in the car as I entered. I had known him for some time. Three men got in a few moments later and sat next to me. They made offensive remarks to me. One kept tapping my foot with his heel. They kept saying, 'Isn't she charming? Lovely,' and all that sort of thing."

Then Assemblyman Ulrich spoke to the young men. He told them that they were dressed as gentlemen and should act as such. One called him a Dutchman. They made more insulting remarks and we got off the car. I did not witness what happened after that."

Assemblyman Ulrich was accompanied by Assemblyman Webber. When they got off the car the young men who had been insulting the girls followed them. At McDonough street they started to tell the Assemblymen that they had no right to interfere with their amusement.

Demanding an Apology. "Young man," Ulrich said, addressing Gettys, "you owe me an apology." "This is my apology," Gettys is alleged to have replied, as he hit Ulrich. Webber tried to separate the two.

Suddenly Ulrich threw up his hands and Gettys escaped but was caught next day. He says that he stabbed Ulrich in self-defense.

After Detective Reynolds had presented the cut coat worn by Assemblyman Ulrich and Capt. O'Reilly had told of the arrest of Gettys, Mr. Ulrich, with one eye gone and his face bearing the scars of other cuts, took the stand. He said:

"I had just come down from Albany and was on the way to my home with Assemblyman Webber in a Reid avenue car when Miss Hetteshelmer, whom I have known for a long time, boarded the car. She had not been in her seat long when three young men entered, whom I now identify as the defendant, Gettys, and Henck and Ellis."

Began to Insult Her. "Gettys took a seat next to that of Miss Hetteshelmer and at once began making insulting remarks concerning her to his companions. Then I noticed that he was pressing his knee on Miss Hetteshelmer's leg. She was plainly annoyed and I said to the three young men:

"You are dressed as gentlemen. Why don't you behave as such?" "Gettys then said to me:

"Aw, back to Germany for you, you one eye and am accused for life."

## COLOMBIANS SEND MORE MEN TO PANAMA LINE

Mayflower Meets the Pinzon with Troops and Arms at Gulf of Darien, and Washington Suppresses Facts Obtained.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The follow-up cablegram was received at the Navy Department to-day from Rear-Admiral Coghlan, dated Colon:

"Mayflower reports met with Pinzon carrying 300 men and munitions bound for base at Tumal."

Official maps of the Navy Department do not show any place by the name of Tumal, but the supposition is that the point referred to is Tumate, a group of three islands lying a half mile from the Colombian coast in the Gulf of Darien and about thirty miles southeast of Cape Tiburon.

The Tumate Islands being a part of Colombian territory, the department is without any power to act beyond observing the movements of this detachment of Colombian troops.

The situation at the Isle of Pines, however, is quite different, as that island is within Panama territory, and it is not to be expected that the eighty or

## WOMAN CATCHES THIEF AFTER RACE

She Sees Him Take a Pair of Cuff Buttons from a Department Store and Immediately Gives Chase.

Miss Eva Payer, the clever detective for a Twenty-third street department store, ran an obstacle race in the great crowd of shoppers yesterday and won. The man she alleges stole a pair of valuable cuff buttons from the jewelry department was all right as a straight-away runner, but at dodging the young woman was his superior, and after a chase of several blocks she captured him.

Miss Payer suspected him when he entered the store, and followed him to the jewelry counter. She says she saw him put the cuff buttons in his vest pocket and leave the store. She let him go to the street and then asked him for the buttons.

He darted across the street, and with the young woman after him dodged in and out among the shoppers. Hundreds stopped to watch the chase, not understanding its meaning, until the man ran into the arms of two detectives.

In the Jefferson Market Court the police said the man's picture was in the Rogues' Gallery. He gave his name as John M. Fallon.

Jew. He repeated this several times for them said to his companions: "We'll wait until the Jews leave the car and then we'll get them."

"Miss Hetteshelmer got up to leave the car, and either Ellis or Gettys tripped her and she fell in my lap. Mr. Webber and myself left the car also, and the three young men followed us off. Gettys called to me:

"Why don't you come back and fight it out?"

"I was going on when they overtook me, and Gettys struck me. Then we clinched, and I felt that I had been cut in the eye. He was cutting me all over when some one pulled him off, and after that I lost consciousness."

He was laid for twelve weeks, lost one eye and am accused for life."

## WANT DIVORCES AS CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Unhappy Husbands and Wives Appeal to Supreme Court Justice MacLean for Judicial Separations.

Many husbands and wives appealed to Supreme Court Justice MacLean to-day to yoke them from their marital mates as a Christmas gift.

Carrie Allen, who was married to Chief Engineer Allen, of the Mallory line steamship San Marcos, July 28, 1898, asked that the marriage be annulled, as the chief engineer told her mother on returning from his last voyage to Puget Sound that he had visited his former wife and daughter in Spokane Falls.

"That was like a thunderclap out of a clear sky to me," said Mrs. Carrie Gurnell, mother of the young wife. "I taxed him and cross-examined him, and he owned up that years ago he was married to a Miss Lilla Lorraine Lee; that they had never been divorced and that his daughter, Jessie B. Allen, is now a young lady eighteen years old."

Robert B. Schultz, of No. 79 Morton street, testified that Miss Carrie Gurnell was married to Chief Engineer Allen at his house July 28, 1898.

The next case had an "all lawyers" cast. The plaintiff was Ezra E. Green, who is in the law office of ex-Assessment Joseph I. Green, talked of last year for Supreme Court Justice, and his witnesses included Louis B. Allen and Jesse Rosenthal, lawyers, Ezra E. Green, who lives at No. 211 East Eighth street, married Dora Green Sept. 8, 1898. Allen and Rosenthal both testified that they and Green were at Twenty-sixth street and Sixth avenue on the evening of May 5, 1903, when Dora accosted a man and went away with him. They followed to a house in West Ninth street, and Charles Metzger asked to be freed from Catherine, his wife, Karl Neubaur, a draughtsman, living at No. 140 West Tenth street, testified with much hesitation and in evident mortification that the husband's charge was true.

"I have known both Charles and Catherine for more than a year," said the witness. "Charles was in Germany from September to November, 1902, visited her every day." Decision was reserved in all the cases.

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## BOND ISSUE TO PAY FOR FRIARS' LANDS

Roosevelt, Root and Shaw Arrange for Closing the Purchase, and Paper Likely to Be Put Out Here.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—President Roosevelt and Secretaries Root and Shaw had an extended conference to-day regarding the issue of bonds for the raising of money with which to pay for the friar lands in the Philippines.

Secretary Root is in receipt of a cablegram from Gov. Taft announcing that the contracts for the purchase of the lands were signed yesterday afternoon. Unless new surveys shall differ materially from the Villages survey the exact amount of the purchase price of the lands is \$7,233,784. The lands to be purchased aggregate 33,000 acres.

At the conference to-day it was determined to authorize the issue of \$7,000,000 of 4 per cent. Philippine bonds, redeemable after ten years and within thirty years. They will be offered for sale early in January. An act of the last Congress provided for the issue of such bonds. They will be accepted by the Government as security for the bonds yet have to be worked out, but no doubt is expressed that a ready market for them will be found in this country.

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## PASSENGERS IN TRAIN CRASH

Several Injured When Buffalo Express on the Lehigh Road Was Derailed and Cars Piled in Heap.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 23.—The Buffalo express on the Lehigh Valley Railroad was wrecked at Penn Haven Junction to-day, and a number of persons injured and cut by flying glass.

At this point the Lehigh Valley and Central Railroad of New Jersey tracks run parallel. A train on the Central Railroad stopped at the Penn Haven station just as the Buffalo train bound for New York pulled in. There were no passengers to alight from the train.

The Central went ahead, and the Lehigh engineer ran his train through the Penn Haven yards and struck a frog.

The train was derailed, and the heavy express ran along for 200 feet, when the engine toppled over and three cars behind it were piled up.

A number of passengers in the Pullman cars were cut by broken glass and otherwise injured. Sixty-three were summoned from nearby places to render aid to the victims. The crews of both trains escaped serious injury. All were Western people.

The uninjured passengers were sent to New York and Philadelphia over the Central Railroad.

President Forne's Sworn In

Mayor Low Administers the Oath of Office.

Mayor Low to-day administered the oath of office to President Charles V. Forne, who was re-elected. At the same time the oath was taken by Alderman Ferdinand Hasenlein.

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## SAY BIG BUILDING BID IS FRAUDULENT

Allegation Made that the Proposal for Building the College of the City of New York Is Illegal.

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